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KINGDOM BRIEFS

The Home Mission Society of Northern Baptists have employed Drs. Cornelius Norfolk and Jas. A. Francis as superintendents of evangelism.

A number of our Mississippi "theologs" have returned from Louisville and Fort Worth. The brethren ought to put them to work and make them earn their bread. Our State has a place for all its trained men.

The W. M. U., at the recent meeting asked of the laymen to assume the training of the boys over twelve years of age while the women continue their work with the smaller boys and with the girls. This of course in the organizations in the church for the young people.

It was good for the Southern Baptist Convention to stop in the midst of a busy session and pray for wisdom and strength to be given the president of the United States in the midst of the perplexing and arduous trials through which he is passing in these days of wars and rumors of wars. But the end is not yet and there is still need of daily prayer that we may be spared the awful experiences of war. Let us not forget it in our churches and in our closets.

There will be many people who will be obliged to forego the expensive vacation trip this summer. As a substitute for this we suggest spending a week at one of the Baptist encampments at Blue Mountain or Hattiesburg. At both places the expenses will be reasonable and the railroad fare will be very little. Besides you will find a great deal there that you will not at an ordinary summer resort and a few things not there which are at many summer resorts. Make your plans now. The Blue Mountain Encampment dates are July 4th to 11th, inclusive; the Hattiesburg Encampment dates, July 18th to 25th.

The lady editor of a Catholic paper published in New Orleans known as "The Morning Star," sends us a marked copy of an editorial headed "Southern Baptists Declare War Against Catholics," which bears evidence of a wild case of hysteria. The article will about fill a page in The Record, and is saturated with sulphurous epithets. It was provoked by the action of the recent Southern Baptist Convention in condemning the efforts of Catholics to muzzle the press and prevent free speech on the public platforms. It is well known that Catholics have stopped short of nothing in their endeavor to prevent the truth being told, and nothing so rouses their wrath as to have their doings exposed. The lady doubtless thought we would get excited, too, and return her remarks in kind, but we decline to do so. We even refuse to say she is "no gentleman!" As to the slur that the Southern Baptist Convention is made up of ignorant and illiterate bigots, we beg leave to call the attention of the editor to the fact that in Catholic countries the degree of illiteracy ranges from ninety per cent down, and that Baptist missionaries who have gone among them have in many cases taken their lives in their hands to save these poor sons and daughters of Romanism.

The editor is this week engaged in a meeting with Pastor Kyzar at Meadville. The pastor was hindered at first from his work by sickness in his family. There has been a great improvement in the town which a very few years back had no church house of any kind, although it is the county seat of Franklin county with many Baptists in it. Now there are evidences of new life on every hand.

A Plain Prayer.

Oh, God, who hears the humble-hearted pray,
I lift a simple, yearning heart to Thee,
And plead in loving trust this summer day
For three eternal things, and only three.

When I have left my lowly house of clay,
And tender, friendly eyes are damp and dim,

Oh, Father, give the children cause to say,
"We all are wiser on account of him."

And grant me this—but keep me humble,
God:

A scarred and simple friend to softly say,
When they shall lay me in the silent sod:
"My life is sweeter—but he's gone away."

I pray, oh God, for two eternal lives,
The one with Thee on some celestial sphere,

The other in the battered heart that strives
And says, "The world is stronger—he was here."

—PERRIN HOLMES LOWREY.

It is a little confusing to the average Southern Baptist to try to follow the workings of our brethren in the Northern Baptist Convention, recently held in Los Angeles, California. The convention is formed a good deal after the pattern of ours, but they still have societies instead of boards for home and foreign missions and publications. They seem not to be as closely related as are our boards to the convention, though meeting annually at the same time and place, and the officers of the societies are nominated, not elected, by the convention. However, this is an improvement on their old plan according to which the various societies including several district organizations of the women were entirely independent and disconnected. When this writer went to his first pastorate, which was at Columbus, Indiana, it was bewildering to try to learn the names and workings of the various organizations with which the church was supposed to co-operate.

The new negro theological seminary is to be located in Memphis where it is said 1,000 preachers can attend during the week and be back in their pulpits on Sunday. Southern Baptists are pledged to give \$50,000 toward it.

Dr. R. A. Venable, president of Clarke College, has just concluded a series of sermons lasting one week at the First church, Vicksburg. It is certain that these saints were well fed.

Mrs. J. B. Lawrence, helpmeet of our efficient corresponding secretary, underwent a surgical operation this week, and we are glad to report that she is now recovering.

The apportionment for Mississippi for the year just beginning is for home missions \$25,000, and for foreign missions \$35,000. These figures are down from \$31,000 and \$42,000 last year, but they are somewhat ahead of what we actually gave.

Our colleges are using our own men this year for commencement occasions: Shipman at the Woman's College, Lawrence at Clarke Memorial, Bostick at Blue Mountain, Wall at Mississippi College, and Dobbins at Hillman. Where could you find a fitter bunch? Only one gray-haired brother among them, and that said to be due to early piety!!

The "locker clubs" of Atlanta were discovered endeavoring to influence the Georgia legislature by making some of the lawmakers honorary members and giving them the free use of the lockers and liquors; but the discovery reacted to defeat their purpose. We give a Georgia legislator credit for having more sense and character than to be caught in a trap like that.

Unless all signs fail and the lessons of the past are reversed, this summer will be a different season with the churches in their protracted meetings. It is not impossible to have a good meeting in an election year, but it is not easy. The people must recognize this and overcome the difficulty in two ways, by seeking to do the will of God in the election of all officers and by putting forth more strength in seeking a revival and in saving the lost. Don't let the elections absorb all the time in conversation and be sure that prayer is made without ceasing. When the disciples encountered an obstinate case in the epileptic boy and an unsympathetic atmosphere in the people who surrounded them, Jesus said, "This kind cometh not forth except by prayer."

Commencement at Clinton this year was most successful. The baccalaureate sermon for Mississippi College was preached by Rev. Zeno Wall, of Columbia. We were proud that Mississippi numbers among its many earnest preachers such an one as he when he delivered his inspiring message to the graduating class. For Hillman College, Rev. G. S. Dobbins, of Gloster, preached the baccalaureate sermon. His deliverance was particularly interesting in view of his graduation from Mississippi College just seven years ago. As Dr. Lowrey so happily expressed it, it was very appropriate that he preach at this time, since he had been a student of the present president of Hillman and an alumnus of the same institution as Hillman's business manager and had won from Hillman his "better three-fourths." The severe illness of the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. L. Berry was the one cloud on the horizon. A full account of the commencement week from the pen of Prof. A. J. Aven will appear in our next issue.

WINONA.

We closed a two weeks' meeting at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, May 9th. There were 31 additions to the church. We had with us from the very beginning to the close of the meeting Dr. Thomas S. Potts, of Memphis. We felt that we were directed of the Lord when we asked him to come, and now we are sure that the Lord was leading us.

Dr. Potts is now giving all his time to this great work, which he loves so much, and which he is so well qualified to do. It gives me pleasure to recommend him to any of my fellow pastors that are wanting the assistance of a good evangelist in a meeting. Dr. Potts uses no sensational methods. He preaches the Gospel in such a way that the people come to hear it. He is a very attractive and forceful speaker, plain and practical, spiritual and instructive, cultured and refined in his speech.

After listening to him preach for fifteen days I can say that it has never been my privilege to be associated with better help in a meeting. I heartily recommend him to our Mississippi Baptists.

GEORGE F. BARTON, Pastor.

OAK GROVE.

I have recently begun preaching once a month at Oak Grove Church, four and one-half miles north of Shubuta, in the community where I was reared. Many sacred memories crowd in upon the mind as I visit again, from month to month, the scenes of my childhood and youth. Brother Roy Chandler, our former pastor here, preached for the Oak Grove people twice a month on Sunday afternoons last year. Among other good things he did was to get up a "Corn Club" among the brethren and an "Egg Club" among the ladies of the church. Something over a year ago he secured the promise of about a dozen of the men and boys of the church to plant an ear of corn, the proceeds to go to Home and Foreign missions. He also suggested that the ladies contribute the proceeds of their Sunday eggs through March and April for the same cause. At our March and April meetings this year the amounts were brought in from both "clubs" as follows:

From the "Corn Club".....\$32.95
From the "Egg Club"..... 5.55

Total\$38.50

This was much better than the church had ever done before, for these objects, and it was agreed that they continue the same plan this year. The membership seemed to be glad that they had learned a plan by which they could do something worth while for missions. I have presented the matter to all five of the other churches that I am preaching to and have secured the promise of quite a number of brethren to plant an ear of corn for missions. Two ladies are among the members of the "Corn Club," one of whom is to have an acre planted on her husband's farm for the Lord. A brother also agrees to plant an acre of corn, the proceeds to go to pastor's salary, missions, Orphanages, etc. If our farmer brethren and sisters everywhere would do as the Oak Grove people did, it would

go far toward solving the financial problem of the Kingdom. It is not too late yet to plant corn for a 1915 crop. Try this plan, brethren, who read this, and you will find that there is a blessing in it.

J. M. PHILLIPS.

Scotland has a story of a German traveler who arrived at a London hotel not long ago, and immediately sought out the manager.

"From Potsdam I vos come," he announced.

"A fine place," remarked the manager.

"Dere vos a petter."

"Yes, Berlin."

"Nein; Ohm."

"Ohm? In—er—Germany, of course?"

"Nein; in this country—in Britain. I vos come from Potsdam to see 'Ohm.' I vos at der concert in Potsdam, und I hear der great English soprano sing dat 'Der is no blace like Ohm,' und all der British people in der concert cry like der leetle babies. Dot must be der vonderful blace, Ohm, to make der British cry. I tink to myself, I vill go and see dis blace. Now, vich is der vay to Ohm?"

COLUMBIA.

Every department of our work is in a healthy condition, and is, therefore, growing. Last Sunday we had 383 in Sunday School. We have one of the most consecrated and capable Sunday School superintendents in the State, N. R. Drummond, and with him is associated a noble band of faithful teachers. And surely no pastor ever had a more faithful board of deacons. Our A. B. Y. P. U., under the leadership of Brother A. W. Quin, is doing good work, and the Woman's Missionary Society follows their fine president, Mrs. Ball, nobly. Our Y. W. A's and Sunbeams, under Miss Jennie Watts and Mrs. Newsom, are doing splendidly.

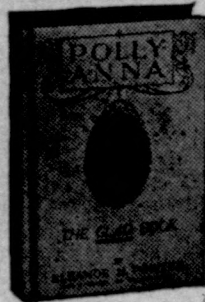
Sunday before last we celebrated the Lord's Supper in the morning and in the evening led six candidates down into the baptismal waters, where they were buried with their Lord in baptism. Last Sunday night four others were baptized, and at the conclusion of the service four others came forward, confessing Christ as the Savior and Lord and asking baptism of us. It was a great meeting. Our church was full to overflowing. Surely hither hath the Lord lead us, as he has stood by us at every service. I am happy in my work.

And Brother P. Pool has been elected take up the enlistment work in South Mississippi. In this I rejoice. I love the enlistment work, but it was entirely too strenuous for me. I could not stand up under the physical strain. I did not want to see the work given up, for its existence is justified—many times—if the enlistment man should do no more than to plead for and adequate salary, for God's chosen preacher. Oh, how poorly and irregularly they are paid. It's pitiable, brethren! Brother P. Pool knows how to sympathize with God's messengers. Receive him kindly, and work with him faithfully. And to you all I send greetings, and ask you to pray for us in our work here. Blessings on you all.

Sincerely,

ZENO WALL.

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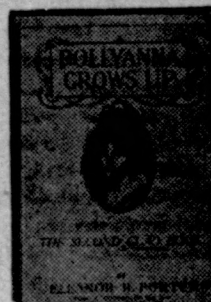


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ORDINATION.

By order of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Hattiesburg a presbytery was called together on the 6th day of May for the purpose of examining Brother O. P. Estes, preparatory to his ordination to the ministry. The examining counsel consisted of the following brethren: Dr. J. T. Christian, Dr. J. L. Johnson and T. W. Green. Dr. Christian was chosen as moderator of the counsel and T. W. Green as clerk. A thorough examination was made as to the Christian experience, call to the ministry, and theological views of Brother Estes. In the opinion of the presbytery he passed a most creditable examination, and we enthusiastically voted to recommend his ordination to the church.

The time set for the ordination service was 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May the 9th. There was a large congregation present to witness the ordination. There were visiting brethren from Fifth Avenue, Main Street and First Baptist Churches, and the following ordained ministers participated in the ordination: Brethren J. T. Christian, R. W. Bryant, E. D. Solomon and T. W. Green. A most inspiring sermon was preached by Dr. Christian from Acts 11:24. He discussed the qualifications of Barnabas for the Christian ministry. Brother E. D. Solomon led in the ordination prayer. Much inspiration was added to the service by the singing of Miss

Otta J. Stephens, who is teacher of voice in Mississippi Woman's College.

Brother Estes has been called to, and has accepted, the church at Shubuta. During this session he has been teaching in the Woman's College, and is at present also acting as supply pastor of the church to which he has been called. At the close of the session he expects to become resident pastor at Shubuta. He is splendidly equipped for his work and we look forward to a most fruitful ministry for him. May the blessing of God be upon him in all of his labors.

T. W. GREEN.

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